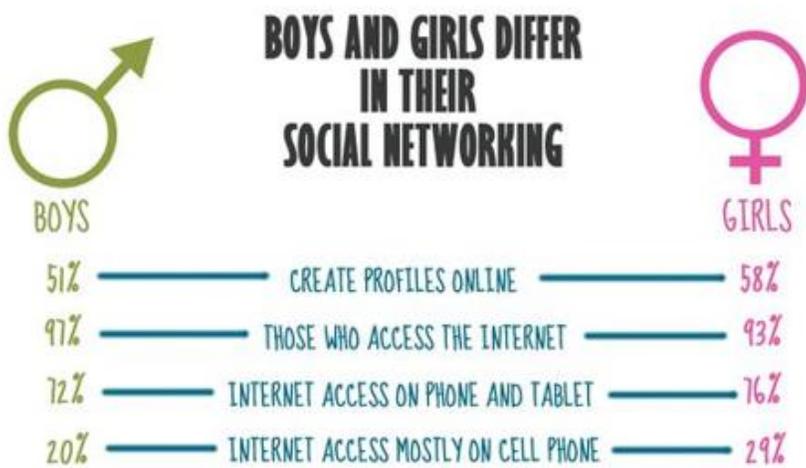


**Section A Response to texts 60 marks**

**Text 1**



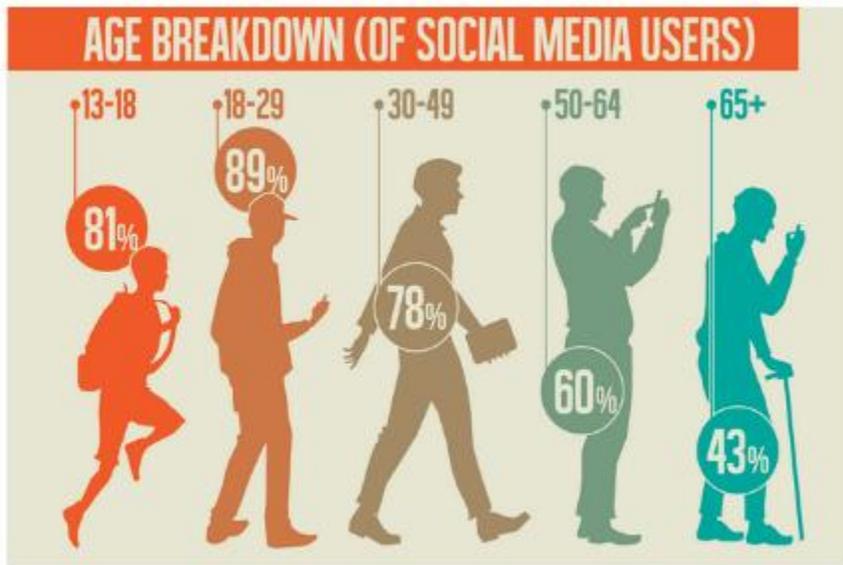
Text 2

# Should the EU Ban Teens from Social Media?

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The latest law proposed by European politicians in an amendment to the European Data Protection Regulation could kick millions of European teenagers off from using social media. This proposed amendment by the European lawmakers would set to increase the current legal social media age limit from 13 to 16 years old.

The draft law states: *“The processing of personal data of a child below the age of 16 years shall only be lawful if and to the extent that such consent is given or authorised by the holder of parental responsibility over the child.”*



Source: [Woman Online Magazine](#)

While teens between 13 to 16 years old fall in the second largest group of social media users, this proposal would effectively prevent tech companies from offering their services to young people. The move has provoked outcry from social media companies and from child safety experts who argue that it might actually put teenagers at risk. With the amendment, it would be illegal for any company, including Google, Snapchat, Facebook and even Whatsapp, to process a teenager’s data without the consent of a legal guardian.

While social networks such as Facebook are ubiquitous with almost every teen and adult alike, there are however ‘dark sides’ to life on social media. Social media can open the risk of

negative exposure. Perhaps the few issues this amendment would like to address are the numerous cases of online bullying and hacking among the under-aged. Social networking can be considered a distraction for students, while social media often seems to give people the 'license' to be hurtful online, leading to cyberbullying. Online bullying and harassment by peers is an extension of bullying already taking place in the victim's school. Most kids in fact have faced some form of cyberbullying, according to a survey by i-Safe Inc., an independent e-safety firm, which discovered 58% of children reported that someone has said something mean or hurtful to them online, and one in four have had it happen more than once.

Online predators may be more common than what we believe. Innocent and gullible teens would often be the target of harassment or online stalking by adult predators.

The problem of online predators creating false social media accounts to form fake identities to deceive others (termed "catfish") has become so common that even MTV has a TV show named as such, which aims to uncover the complexities of digital world relationships and tackle online "catfishes".

Perhaps more prevalently amongst female teens is the issue of deteriorating self-esteem due to pressures of conformity to what's deemed as 'popular'. In fact, social media tends to create skewed self-images of individuals who wish to paint a picture of only the glamorous side of their lives. A research by New Flinders University found that the more time teenage girls spend on social media, caught in a world of competition for likes on Facebook, posting weight-loss progress selfies on Instagram, the more likely they are to be dissatisfied with their bodies and have low self-esteem. Even though 80% of the girls surveyed were of normal weight, almost half of them (46%) reported being dissatisfied with their body size.

**TEXT 3**

**28000 Friends Lyrics**

Artist: [Eoghan Quigg](#)

Do you wanna go and see a movie?

[oh oh oh]

Do you wanna take a walk outside?

[oh oh oh]

Does your snow white skin ever see the sunshine?

[no no no]

Do you ever think that it's a waste of time?

You and your 28 000 friends

[I'm talking about]

Youtube, Facebook, Myspace, IM

[Get out of the house]

Can't you try to find some room for me in your life?

You and your 28 000 friends

We've got no chance if you are always

[oh oh oh]

Preoccupied with your second life

[oh oh oh]

don't send an email, let me touch your face

[oh oh oh]

Go see a shrink about it, it's not right

You and your 28 000 friends

[Im talking about]

Youtube, Facebook, Myspace, IM

[Get out of the house]

Can't you try to find some room for me in your life?

You and your 28 000 friends

How does it feel to be alone?

So many friends that you don't know

Does your snow white skin ever see the sunshine?

You and your 28 000 friends

[I'm talking about]

Youtube, Facebook, Myspace, IM

[Get out of the house]

Can't you try to find some room for me in your life?

You and your 28 000 friends

[i'm talking about]

Youtube, Facebook, Myspace, IM

[Get out of the house]

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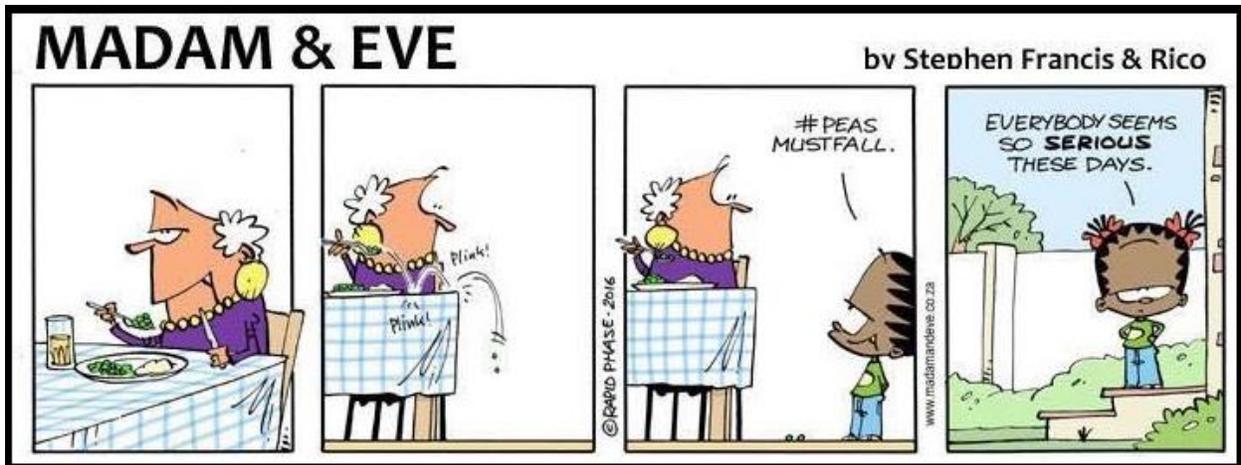
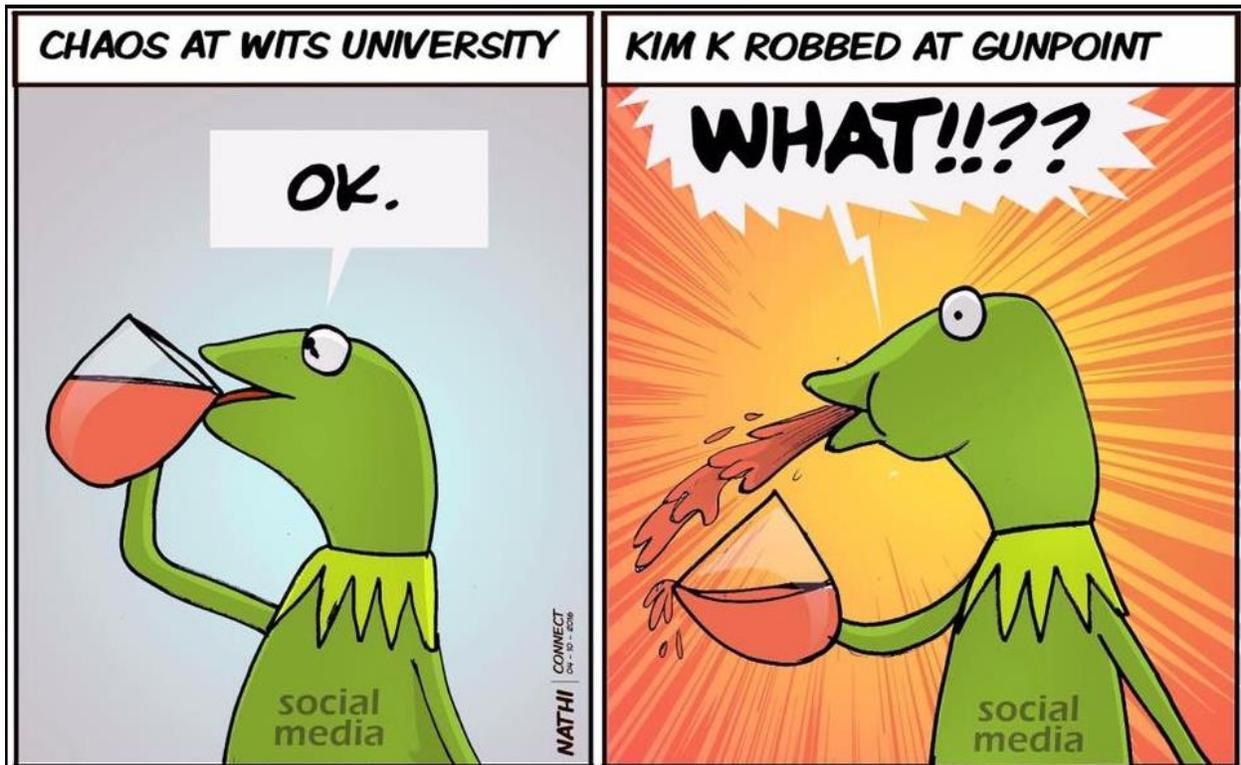
Such a bore with 28 000

You and your 28 000 friends

<b>"28,000 Friends"</b>	
Single by <a href="#">Eoghan Quigg</a>	
from the album <a href="#">Eoghan Quigg</a>	
Released	6 April 2009
Format	Promo, Digital download
Recorded	2009
Genre	Pop rock
Length	2:56
Label	RCA/Sony Music
Writer(s)	James Bourne, Busbee
Eoghan Quigg chronology	
" <a href="#">Hero</a> " (with <i>The X Factor</i> finalists)" (2008)	"28,000 Friends" (2009)



TEXT 4



**Section B Language in Action 20 marks**

**TEXT 5**

**A Mobizine Crash Course**

Mobi-who? Mobizine is made up of two words, 'mobile' and 'magazine'. So, it's a magazine you can download from the internet to your phone. This incredible technology has already rolled out its first product in the UK with great success, and it's arriving in SA soon. The teen publication HIP2B<sup>2</sup> will be launched with this revolutionary new mobile technology.

Mobizine's content can include just about anything – breaking news stories (like *Giant Squid Discovered*), film reviews, games, general knowledge teasers, some juicy gossip and celeb profiles, or even career advice. Think of it like this: it's an extension of a website, except you don't have to be online. 5

On the moolah subject, there is no charge at all for Mobizine's contents – it's free! All you will be charged for is the text messages requesting the Mobizine Reader software. After that, you'll pay normal network data charges for each new edition of the Mobizine – which is between 2 – 5 cents per update. Obviously, if you choose to take advantage of the extra downloads, like screen savers, ring tones and games, you'll have to fork out. 10

[Adapted from: HIP2B<sup>2</sup>, July 2006]

**TEXT 6**



## **Section C Summary 10 marks**

### **TEXT 7**

Teenage is a stage in life that everyone goes through. When people think about teenage, they think about energy, life, hope and beauty. Conversely speaking, when people think about old age, they think about illness, despair and frailty. The question then arises: What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a teenager? The answer to this question depends on the context in which it is asked. In many circumstances, teenagers can be viewed as an advantage. In the workforce, employers tend to view teenagers as an advantage. Younger workers are more energetic, more willing to commit and easier to mould. To these employers, teenagers are assets that they wish to capitalise on. They also view younger workforce as more creative and more willing to try out new things. As such, in the workforce context, teenager is definitely an advantage. Teenagers can also be an asset where learning is concerned. Everyone can learn, but when one is younger, one is more likely to pick things up faster. This is especially so when the teenagers of today are more exposed to cutting edge technology and therefore are more open to new and unfamiliar things. With this exposure, and their natural propensity to learn faster, they would find the mastery of a new skill relatively easier.